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SUBJECT: GOAM ON PRESIDENT'S EMERGENCY PLAN FOR AIDS  
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[1](#)1. (U) Sensitive But Unclassified. Please treat accordingly.

[1](#)2. (SBU) We delivered demarche and talking points regarding President Bush's Emergency Plan for AIDS Relief to MFA America's Department Chief Lilit Toutkhalian February 23 per reftel instructions. Toutkhalian said the GOAM was in overall agreement with the USG strategy and noted the USG's substantial role to date in supporting the UN Global AIDS Fund. She repeated earlier statements about the GOAM's high-level of interest in HIV/AIDS-related issues.

[1](#)3. (SBU) USAID will deliver a similar demarche to the Minister of Health on March 4. As part of earlier discussions, Ministry officials reviewed ongoing plans for the USD 7.2 million that Armenia received from the Global Fund in 2003.

[1](#)4. (U) Post will send the Department updated information regarding the scope of the HIV/AIDS problem in Armenia and its impact (septel).

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